



PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

# PROCLAMATION

## INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

- Whereas** The United Nations General Assembly first proclaimed the International Day of Persons with Disabilities in 1992 to promote the rights and well-being of individuals with disabilities and an understanding of disability issues; and
- Whereas** The International Day of Persons with Disabilities is celebrated around the world on December 3<sup>rd</sup> of each year; and
- Whereas** Canada ratified the 2006 United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in 2010 and, since that time, Canada and its provinces and territories have worked diligently to advance laws, policies and practices in disability rights and to implement the articles of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; and
- Whereas** The Government of Manitoba celebrates International Day of Persons with Disabilities annually to recognize the integration of persons with disabilities in all aspects of political, social, economic and cultural life; and
- Whereas** The Government of Manitoba wishes to join governments, disability organizations, individuals with disabilities and their families across the country in recognizing and celebrating this important segment of our society.

**NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN THAT I**, Rochelle Squires, Minister of Families and Minister responsible for Accessibility, do hereby proclaim and declare in perpetuity that December 3<sup>rd</sup> of every year shall be known as:

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in Manitoba and in so doing, we commend its thoughtful observance to all citizens of our province and further call upon all Manitobans to celebrate the contributions of individuals with disabilities to our communities, and to promote awareness of accessibility to create a better, more inclusive Manitoba.

*"Original signed by"*

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Honourable Rochelle Squires  
Minister of Families